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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 5

Introduced by Assembly Member Torlakson

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(Coauthors: Senators Ducheny and Wyland)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Relative to California Science Education Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 5, as amended, Torlakson. California Science Education Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2009 as California Science Education Month, and would extend *the* Legislature's support to ~~pupils~~ *students* of all ages who are interested in science.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is an intellectual center for advances in
2 science through academic and industrial research, and California
3 is also a leader in the computer and information sciences, life
4 sciences, physical sciences, natural sciences, military sciences,
5 environmental sciences, and agriculture sciences, having originated
6 great innovation and progress in each of these fields; and

7 WHEREAS, The cycle of innovation in the sciences has brought
8 great benefits to the State of California, including improvements
9 to the physical health and living standards of Californians and the
10 world at large, and improvements to the intellectual and economic
11 health of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, California has become a world leader in scientific
13 discovery in the disciplines of computer and information
14 technology, clean technology, nanotechnology, medicine,
15 biotechnology, and environmental science; and

16 WHEREAS, New jobs in California are growing most rapidly
17 in areas that require strong foundations in science, engineering,
18 and technology, and eight of the 10 fastest growing occupations
19 in the United States are related to science, mathematics, or
20 technology, with an expected increase of 2.2 million science- and
21 engineering-related jobs by 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, California is experiencing a critical shortage of
23 skilled American workers in scientific industries that is threatening
24 our state's ability to compete in the global marketplace; and

25 WHEREAS, The state is now focused on ushering in the next
26 generation of great scientific leaders by encouraging its youth to
27 engage in this noble pursuit; and

28 WHEREAS, California needs to cultivate the scientific talents
29 of all of its ~~pupils~~ *students*, particularly those from groups that are
30 underrepresented in science and technology, including women,
31 minorities, and persons with disabilities; and

32 WHEREAS, Given the growing threat to America's preeminence
33 in science and technology, celebrations of science and of science
34 education, such as the San Diego Science Festival and the Sally
35 Ride Science Festival, and innovations in science classrooms across
36 California, ~~are all critical to raising pupil~~ *are critical to raising*
37 *student* and public awareness of the dramatic impact science has
38 on our lives, and to inspiring the next generation of scientific
39 leaders; and

1 WHEREAS, The health and economic benefits provided to our
2 state by the businesses and institutions involved in the full range
3 of scientific industries are numerous; now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
5 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature proclaims the month of
6 March 2009 as California Science Education Month, and extends
7 its support to ~~pupils~~ *students* of all ages who are interested in
8 science; and be it further

9 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
10 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.